

Just this last week, the Director of the FBI testified at the Judiciary Committee that they had been interviewing multiple parents—moms and dads—and the House has categorized it as upward of 20 moms and dads.

This amendment says: Don't target parents as domestic terrorists—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is expired.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the FBI has told us repeatedly that domestic extremism is a very real threat in America. Last November, 60 percent of America's school leaders said that someone in their schools had been verbally or physically threatened over school policy.

There is no evidence—none—that the Department of Justice is threatening the constitutional right of parents to peaceful, free speech. But there is no excuse—none—for violence against school teachers or board members.

If you believe there is nothing peaceful or legitimate about threatening teachers, school board members or their families, vote no on this amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. CRUZ. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 316 Leg.]

YEAS—50

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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNET). The Senator from North Dakota.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, I have a motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. HOEVEN] moves to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report.

Mr. HOEVEN. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the names be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The motion to commit is as follows:

Mr. HOEVEN moves to commit the bill H.R. 5376 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would prohibit the implementation of the provisions of the bill H.R. 5376 until the date on which—

(A) grocery prices (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as annual CPI-U for "food at home") decrease below the food at home annual inflation level (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for January 2021);

(B) gasoline prices (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as annual CPI-U for "gasoline (all types)") decrease below the gasoline (all types) annual inflation level (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for January 2021);

(C) diesel prices (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as annual CPI-U for "other motor fuels") decrease below the other motor fuels annual inflation level (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for January 2021);

(D) home heating oil prices (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as annual CPI-U for "fuel oil") decrease below the fuel oil annual inflation level (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for January 2021); and

(E) housing expenses (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as annual CPI-U for "shelter") decrease below the shelter annual inflation level (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for January 2021).

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, the American people are hurting. Inflation has soared to the highest we have seen in 40 years, and the Consumer Price Index is now 9.1 percent. Americans are seeing increased prices on everything from the grocery store to the gas pump. Gas prices have gone up \$2.25 a gallon just since the President took office. Diesel prices since this administration took office are up \$2.81—that means 60 percent more since President Biden took office. The cost of food is up more than 12 percent.

We not only have inflation, we have our economy stagnating as well—stagflation. It is something we haven't had since the late 1970s, early 1980s. We have the resources and the capabilities to reduce that inflation to address the stagnation. This tax-and-spend bill is not the way to do it.

I ask that we return this to committee and come up with a plan that will actually get our economy going and reduce inflation. I ask for support on this motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

This, again, is about delay, about postponing, about putting off the job that needs to be done. What the focus of this bill is all about is cutting costs.

What I have said to colleagues—and my friend, the Presiding Officer of the Senate, knows this—is that our bill on prescription drugs kicks in this fall. We really kick in on the efforts to hold down price gouging when medicine is going up faster than the rate of inflation.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this. We can't afford any further delay in priorities like saving senior citizens from their medicine costs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. President, the bill increases taxes and increases spending. It will not bring down costs, and it will not bring down inflation.

VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 317 Leg.]

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The motion was rejected.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule IV, paragraph 2, the hour of 12 noon having joyously arrived and the Senate having been in continuous session since yesterday, the Senate will suspend for a prayer from the Senate Chaplain.

The Senate Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:
Let us pray.

O Lord our God, who rules the raging of the sea, our weekend work gently reminds us that freedom's price must be paid. As our Senators provide the currency of perseverance to protect and defend this land we love, strengthen them for the challenges and empower them for the vicissitudes. Remind them, as they strive to pay liberty's recurring bill, that You will never leave or forsake them.

Rouse Yourself, O Lord, and help them.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I have a motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Tennessee [Mrs. BLACKBURN] moves to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with instructions to report.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask that we waive the reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The motion is as follows:

Mrs. BLACKBURN moves to commit the bill H.R. 5376 to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would ensure that no funding made available by the bill for the environmental quality incentives program, the conservation stewardship program, the agricultural conservation easement program, or the regional conservation partnership program may be provided to—

(A) an agricultural producer located in the United States who is a nonresident alien, foreign business, agent, trustee, or fiduciary associated with the Government of the People's Republic of China; or

(B) an entity partially or wholly owned by such an agricultural producer.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, right now, Chinese owners control more than 194,000 acres of farm and forestry land valued at \$1.9 billion, as of the last accounting, right here in the United States. Now, much of this farmland is located in close proximity to our military institutions, and a lot of this farmland is being used so that Chinese-owned farm operations can compete with U.S. farmers.

My amendment would stop funds from this bill from ending up in the hands of agents of the Chinese Government and their businesses. This is a commonsense motion to commit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, this motion to commit is a red herring and a complete distraction.

The Department of Agriculture already has strict rules that all producers must meet before they can participate in USDA conservation programs.

These dollars go to farmers who are American citizens or legal permanent residents for conservation practices that help protect and improve American soil and water. Farmers are only reimbursed after the practices are in place.

This would add burdensome paperwork, unnecessary bureaucracy that would really bog our farmers down. This is different than circumstances that were just talked about with state-owned Chinese companies. This is not the same thing. This amendment goes right at our farmers and the conservation practices they are asking us to support for them.

Again, the only reason for this amendment is to stop us from passing this bill, which, among other things, will cut prescription drug costs, create jobs, and tackle the climate crisis.

I urge a "no" vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

VOYE ON MOTION

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

I urge a "yes" vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 318 Leg.]

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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. (Mr. BROWN). The Senator from Florida.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I have a motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Florida [Mr. RUBIO] has a motion to commit to bill H.R. 5376 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—(1), are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and, (2) would contain a definition for the term "pregnancy" that limits maternal and infant-related program resources to biological females.

The motion is as follows:

Mr. RUBIO moves to commit the bill H.R. 5376 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would contain a definition for the term "pregnancy" that limits maternal and infant-related program resources to biological females.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, the only people who are capable of being pregnant are biological females; and, therefore, I think Federal pregnancy programs should be limited to biological females and that is what this would do.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, let's be clear about what is going on here. This is a procedural attempt by Republicans to derail our ability to get this bill across the finish line and deliver for families in our country.

It is actually outrageous that Republicans are trying to talk about pregnancy when in this country, right now, they are forcing women to stay pregnant no matter their circumstances, pushing cruel and extreme abortion bans.

Republicans are now resorting to tactics like this to distract from the fact that they don't have any serious reasons for working so hard to oppose this bill that lowers costs, lowers emissions, and lowers the deficit.

I urge my colleagues to vote no.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida has 40 seconds.

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, a few minutes ago, I looked back across 5,500 years of human history. So far, every single pregnancy has been a biological female. Therefore, the only thing I am trying to do is make sure that the Federal law is clear that since every pregnancy that has ever existed has been in a biological female, that our Federal laws reflect that and pregnancy programs are available to the only people who are capable of getting pregnant—biological females. Very simple.

I would accept a unanimous consent if they want to offer it, and we can move on and not waste any time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator MURRAY has 10 seconds left.

Mrs. MURRAY. When we are facing the challenges in this country and helping our constituents to lower costs, it is outrageous that Republicans are trying to define pregnancy, of all things, on this floor on this day after hours of voting on amendments.

I urge a “no” vote.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is agreeing to the motion.

Mr. RUBIO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

POINTS OF ORDER EN BLOC

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask consent to make the following four points of order en bloc.

The first point of order concerns page 43, lines 3 through 8. This language violates section 313(b)(1)(A).

The second point concerns page 1, lines 3 through 5. This language violates 313(b)(1)(A).

The third point concerns page 547, line 18, through page 548, line 25. This language violates section 313(b)(1)(A).

And the fourth point of order concerns page 689, lines 8 through 16. This language violates section 313(b)(1)(D).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The points of order are sustained; the provisions are stricken under 313(b), 313(e).

The Senator from Alaska.

AMENDMENT NO. 5435

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5435, and I ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. SULLIVAN] proposes an amendment numbered 5435 to amendment No. 5194.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask that the reading be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To replace the funding for the Office of the Chief Readiness Support Officer with a \$500,000,000 appropriation for the construction or improvement of primary pedestrian fencing and barriers along the southwest border)

In title VII, strike section 70001 and insert the following:

SEC. 70001. FUNDING FOR U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to U.S. Customs and Border Protection for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$500,000,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses relating to the construction or improvement of primary pedestrian fencing and barriers along the southwest border.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, we have a true crisis—a humanitarian crisis, a national security crisis—right now on our southern border.

It is a huge tragedy that my Democratic colleagues want to ignore, and that tragedy has spread across our Nation—crime; victims of human trafficking, many of them children; a fentanyl epidemic killing our young people; chaos—all fueled by a lawless border.

Secure borders work. Walls work. Just ask the Biden administration, as they are quietly building sections of the wall in Arizona right now.

The Democrats’ partisan reconciliation bill does nothing—nothing—to address this crisis.

Instead, it gives DHS \$500 million for sustainability and environmental programs when our kids are dying from drugs streaming in from the border, when our communities are under siege. This should not be the priority for DHS.

My amendment would take this half a billion dollars and recommit it—this DHS money—to building the wall and securing our border, which is DHS’s primary mission, not environmental programs.

I ask that all my colleagues vote yes on this commonsense amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, communities all across the country are suffering from exposure to PFAS—commonly used chemicals that do not break down and have been linked to serious health problems.

This amendment would strike a provision in the bill that would help DHS repair and upgrade its facilities to protect surrounding communities and frontline DHS personnel from these harmful chemicals.

This amendment, instead, seeks to continue the past administration’s efforts to fund and construct an ill-conceived border wall on the southern border.

I agree that we need secure borders, but we need smart and cost-effective security measures, including technology and adequate personnel levels to meet our border security needs.

We should be working together in a bipartisan manner to develop smart investments in border security.

Let’s secure our southern and northern borders instead of throwing taxpayer dollars to build a costly and ineffective wall.

I urge my colleagues to vote no.

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, how much time do I have left?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Time is expired on both sides.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5435

The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. SULLIVAN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 320 Leg.]

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The amendment (No. 5435) was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARDIN). The Senator from Montana.

AMENDMENT NO. 5487

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendments be considered as one amendment, No. 5487: No. 5425, Mr. DAINES; No. 5361, Ms. ERNST; No. 5360, Mrs. FISCHER; No. 5224, Mr. PORTMAN; No. 5411, Mr. BARRASSO; and No. 5454, Ms. MURKOWSKI. I further ask that there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, on each division prior to the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Montana [Mr. DAINES], for Mr. GRAHAM and others, proposes an amendment numbered 5487.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, my amendment would strike the anti-energy provisions that snuck into this bill behind closed doors.

This partisan bill before us has a slew of provisions that raises royalty rates, fees, rents, and taxes that hurt our small oil and gas producers in America the most. By the way, it is those small oil and gas producers that produce over 80 percent of our supply. I guarantee you, if there is a rebuttal, they will talk about Big Oil, but this is not Big Oil; 80 percent is from the small guys. These producers don't have the ability to absorb the large increases from the government, so if you raise prices for energy producers, you raise energy prices for Americans.

It is not that complicated. If you want lower gas prices, vote yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, this one should be simple.

My amendment eliminates subsidies for slave and child labor. The price of buying a car has reached a record high, and what is the Democrats' answer? A tax break for wealthy coastal elites to buy electric vehicles produced with slave and child labor.

Currently, this bill already prevents vehicles containing any part sourced or assembled in foreign entities of concern, like China or Russia, from being eligible for the tax credit. My amendment doesn't change that. My amendment simply ensures that our tax dollars don't subsidize EVs from any countries using child or slave labor.

We all know the critical minerals that comprise EV batteries are largely mined in sub-Saharan Africa by companies abusing children, which are then assembled in Chinese-owned factories, many of which use slave labor. Subsidizing, to the tune of \$7,500 per person, the purchase of a luxury vehicle for wealthy coastal elites that utilizes slave or child labor is a direct contradiction of our American values.

We shouldn't be sacrificing a clean conscience in exchange for a so-called cleaner car.

I urge the adoption of the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, my Democratic colleagues say wealthy Americans should pay their fair share. Yet they want to expand the electric vehicle tax credit for the rich once again.

In this bill, there are two separate EV tax credits: one for people who want to buy new \$80,000 vehicles and one for those who want to buy used EVs.

Why two separate credits? The tax credit for new EVs is available to the wealthy, while the credit for the new EVs is limited to the folks with lower incomes. Why do my colleagues from the other side keep giving bigger tax breaks to their rich donors?

My change would at least prevent taxpayer dollars from subsidizing the wealthy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, this is a really easy one. Let's trade bureaucracy and more funding in this bill for bureaucracy at the Department of Homeland Security for desperately needed technology along the southern border to stop deadly fentanyl from coming into our communities.

Tragically, over 100,000 Americans were killed last year, which is a record, from drug overdoses. Two-thirds of those overdoses were from these synthetic opioids, like fentanyl.

We know that the vast majority of that fentanyl originates with drug cartels in Mexico now, and there is a surge of these deadly drugs coming across our southern border.

This amendment increases funding for Customs and Border Protection by \$500 million for badly needed technology to detect fentanyl and other drugs. If you can believe it, right now, only 2 percent of cars—2 percent—and 14, 15, 16 percent, maybe, of commercial vehicles are being screened. Both GAO and the Department of Homeland Security IG have done reports saying we badly need this technology, and it is available. We need the funding.

The funding is more than offset by reducing huge funding increases in this bill for this Office of Chief Readiness at the Department of Homeland Security. So this money stays at DHS.

Let's make it a higher priority to stop and detect these deadly poisons coming into our communities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, this is an amendment from Senator BARRASSO and me. It is very straightforward.

If you are a restaurant, you can deduct your business expenses. That is normal tax code. If you are a hardware store, you can deduct your business expenses. That is normal operation.

Since 1913, intangible drilling costs have been the tax deductions for oil

and gas. IDCs, or intangible drilling costs, since 1913, have been set aside for preparing the space, doing all the labor costs, the services, the normal business operations, for 100 years, until now.

Slipped into this bill yesterday, into the base tax, strips away the tax deductions for oil and gas companies, what has been in place for over 100 years. If you are a wind farm, you can use renewable energy credits to take your tax rate down to zero because you can deduct your normal business expenses as well. If you are a coal company, you can use 45Q, but if you are oil and gas, your prices are going up.

Americans should remember this bill when they fill up in the days ahead and when the people in their communities are trying to get a job with oil and gas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the United States' mineral security has really become our Achilles' heel. It is a significant threat to our economy, to our competitiveness, to our security, and to our geopolitical leverage, all at the same time.

We know that mineral demand is skyrocketing, and yet it is harder than ever to produce minerals here in this country. So what we have done is that we have turned to imports to fill the gaps in our supply.

We are seeking, through this amendment, to put some limited assistance on the table to make sure that projects for the most critical minerals can move forward in a timely manner. That is what my amendment does for cobalt and for nickel.

Right now, we import 76 percent of our cobalt, 48 percent of our nickel, but demand is growing so dramatically for both as a result of EVs, of energy storage systems, and other clean technologies. So what we are seeking to do with this is repurpose \$400 million for States to implement energy efficiency codes to instead ensure that domestic nickel and cobalt projects can advance.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time in opposition?

The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, these are all problematic amendments that would jeopardize the underlying legislation and the progress on climate, on prescription drugs, and on a whole host of other things. So we should all vote no. We should pass this important bill, and we should be done with this.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5487

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. WICKER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 321 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blackburn	Grassley	Risch
Blunt	Hagerty	Romney
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
Braun	Hoeben	Rubio
Burr	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Capito	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Collins	Kennedy	Shelby
Cornyn	Lankford	Sullivan
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Cramer	Lummis	Tillis
Crapo	Marshall	Toomey
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young
Fischer	Paul	

NAYS—50

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

The amendment (No. 5487) was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I have a motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Tennessee [Mr. HAGERTY] moves to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report.

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I ask to dispense with the reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The motion is as follows:

Mr. HAGERTY moves to commit the bill H.R. 5376 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 3 days, not counting any day in which the Senate is not in session, with changes that—

(1) are within the jurisdiction of such committee; and

(2) would ensure that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has sufficient resources to detain and deport a higher number of illegal aliens who have been convicted of a criminal offense in the United States.

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, in fiscal year 2021, Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested more than 12,000 illegal aliens with aggravated felony convictions. An alltime record number of illegal border crossers entered our country last year. This is an unprecedented national security crisis.

Before we spend billions of dollars on Green New Deal programs, the Department should first do its core job of securing the homeland.

This same policy was adopted 53 to 46 during the budget resolution process last August, with four of my Democratic colleagues joining me. Now, 1

year later, we have a worse crisis and an opportunity to provide real funding to protect our citizens from individuals who endanger our communities.

I hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will maintain their previous support for this commonsense approach to fund law enforcement and put public safety and national security over partisan politics. We have a chance to address this in a real manner right now. Solving a major crisis like this is worth taking a little more time.

I urge my colleagues to support this motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Members, the Senator from Tennessee just provided us with this copy of his new amendment, and I hope you will take a look at it because it is recommitting this motion for 3 days. End of conversation, end of debate, end of any possibility of passing what we consider to be a major piece of legislation, from prescription drugs, dealing with environmental issues, and the list goes on. We have faced this so many times already in the last 12 or 14 hours.

But the second thing I would like to note is, we understand the seriousness of this challenge, so much so that we have already decided it is a crime, and it is a crime that can be prosecuted. And it is a crime that is investigated and enforced by an Agency of the Federal Government which we funded just 4 months ago. Four months ago, we gave \$8 billion to ICE for this purpose. Thirty-one Republicans voted against funding this purpose. One of them was the Senator from Tennessee.

So now we are told we need the money, but 4 months ago he wouldn't vote for it. I think we know what we have here. We have a challenge that really is important to this motion that both parties share, but we have a political challenge with an effort to derail this measure today. Stick together and vote against this amendment.

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, do I have more time left?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

VOTE ON MOTION TO COMMIT

The question occurs on agreeing to the Hagerty motion to commit.

Mr. HAGERTY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 322 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Barrasso	Capito	Crapo
Blackburn	Cassidy	Cruz
Blunt	Collins	Daines
Boozman	Cornyn	Ernst
Braun	Cotton	Fischer
Burr	Cramer	Graham

Grassley	Marshall	Scott (FL)
Hagerty	McConnell	Scott (SC)
Hawley	Moran	Shelby
Hoeben	Murkowski	Sullivan
Hyde-Smith	Paul	Thune
Inhofe	Portman	Tillis
Johnson	Risch	Toomey
Kennedy	Romney	Tuberville
Lankford	Rounds	Wicker
Lee	Rubio	Young
Lummis	Sasse	

NAYS—50

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
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Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
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Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MERKLEY). The Senator from South Dakota.

AMENDMENT NO. 5472

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I call up my amendment No. 5472 and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A Senator from South Dakota [Mr. THUNE] proposes an amendment numbered 5472 to amendment No. 5194.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To remove harmful small business taxes, and for other purposes)

At the end of part 9 of subtitle D of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 13904. REMOVAL OF HARMFUL SMALL BUSINESS TAXES; EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL, ETC., TAXES.

(a) REMOVAL OF HARMFUL SMALL BUSINESS TAXES.—Subparagraph (D) of section 59(k)(1), as added by section 10101, is amended to read as follows:

“(D) SPECIAL RULES FOR DETERMINING APPLICABLE CORPORATION STATUS.—Solely for purposes of determining whether a corporation is an applicable corporation under this paragraph, all adjusted financial statement income of persons treated as a single employer with such corporation under subsection (a) or (b) of section 52 shall be treated as adjusted financial statement income of such corporation, and adjusted financial statement income of such corporation shall be determined without regard to paragraphs (2)(D)(i) and (11) of section 56A(c).”

(b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL, ETC., TAXES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 164(b)(6) is amended—

(A) in the heading, by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”, and

(B) by striking “2026” and inserting “2027”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, Democrats say that the book minimum tax will apply only to very large corporations with a 3-year average financial statement income in excess of \$1 billion, but as their bill is currently proposed—and this change occurred basically in the last 24 hours—the bill

would now require unrelated companies of any size held by funds or partnerships to combine their otherwise unrelated income to determine if they meet an aggregate \$1 billion income threshold, subjecting each respective company to the book minimum tax even if its own income is far too low. This significant expansion of the tax has the potential to subject thousands of American businesses to the book minimum tax's administrative and financial burdens.

The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation said this change would raise \$35 billion in taxes on potentially thousands of small- and medium-size businesses, not merely a hundred or so large companies as our Democratic friends would have you believe.

My amendment is fully offset by extending for 1 year the cap on the State and local tax deduction enacted in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment and help ensure our Nation's small- and medium-size businesses aren't hit with a misguided and entirely inappropriate \$35 billion tax hike.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, there are no tax increases on small businesses in our bill. The only companies that are paying under our bill are corporations with at least \$1 billion in profit per year.

Republicans are calling private equity giants and foreign corporations with at least \$1 billion in profits small businesses because they want private equity and foreign corporations to get more favorable treatment. Rather than close loopholes for billion-dollar private equity firms, Republicans would raise taxes on those making less than \$400,000 per year.

I urge a "no" vote.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5472

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. WICKER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 323 Leg.]

YEAS—57

Barrasso	Daines	Lee
Blackburn	Ernst	Lummis
Blunt	Fischer	Marshall
Boozman	Graham	McConnell
Braun	Grassley	Moran
Burr	Hagerty	Murkowski
Capito	Hassan	Ossoff
Cassidy	Hawley	Paul
Collins	Hoeven	Portman
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Wicker
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NAYS—43

Baldwin
Bennet
Blumenthal
Booker
Brown
Cantwell
Cardin
Carper
Casey
Coons
Duckworth
Durbin
Feinstein
Gillibrand
Heinrich

Hickenlooper
Hirono
Kaine
King
Klobuchar
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Manchin
Markey
Menendez
Merkley
Murphy
Murray
Padilla
Peters

Reed
Sanders
Schatz
Schumer
Shaheen
Smith
Stabenow
Tester
Van Hollen
Warner
Warren
Whitehouse
Wyden

The amendment (No. 5472) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

AMENDMENT NO. 5488

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I call up my amendment, No. 5488, and ask that it be reported by number.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment by number.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] proposes an amendment numbered 5488.

Mr. WARNER. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To strike the extension of the limitation on State and local taxes and extend the limitation on excess business losses of noncorporate taxpayers, and for other purposes)

On page 545, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 547, line 17, and insert the following:

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to sales in calendar quarters beginning after the date which is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 13902. INCREASE IN RESEARCH CREDIT AGAINST PAYROLL TAX FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section 41(h)(4)(B) is amended—

(1) by striking "AMOUNT.—The amount" and inserting "AMOUNT.—

"(I) IN GENERAL.—The amount", and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

"(II) INCREASE.—In the case of taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, the amount in subclause (I) shall be increased by \$250,000."

(b) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3111(f) is amended—

(A) by striking "for a taxable year, there shall be allowed" and inserting "for a taxable year—

"(A) there shall be allowed",

(B) by striking "equal to the" and inserting "equal to so much of the",

(C) by striking the period at the end and inserting "as does not exceed the limitation of subclause (I) of section 41(h)(4)(B)(i) (applied without regard to subclause (II) thereof), and", and

(D) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by subsection (b) for

the first calendar quarter which begins after the date on which the taxpayer files the return specified in section 41(h)(4)(A)(ii) an amount equal to so much of the payroll tax credit portion determined under section 41(h)(2) as is not allowed as a credit under subparagraph (A)."

(2) LIMITATION.—Paragraph (2) of section 3111(f) is amended—

(A) by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "paragraph (1)(A)", and

(B) by inserting "and the credit allowed by paragraph (1)(B) shall not exceed the tax imposed by subsection (b) for any calendar quarter," after "calendar quarter".

(3) CARRYOVER.—Paragraph (3) of section 3111(f) is amended by striking "the credit" and inserting "any credit".

(4) DEDUCTION ALLOWED.—Paragraph (4) of section 3111(f) is amended—

(A) by striking "credit" and inserting "credits", and

(B) by striking "subsection (a)" and inserting "subsection (a) or (b)".

(c) AGGREGATION RULES.—Clause (ii) of section 41(h)(5)(B) is amended by striking "the \$250,000 amount" and inserting "each of the \$250,000 amounts".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

SEC. 13903. REINSTATEMENT OF LIMITATION RULES FOR DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL, ETC., TAXES; EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON EXCESS BUSINESS LOSSES OF NONCORPORATE TAXPAYERS.

(a) REINSTATEMENT OF LIMITATION RULES FOR DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL, ETC., TAXES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 164(b)(6), as amended by section 13904, is further amended—

(A) in the heading, by striking "2026" and inserting "2025", and

(B) by striking "2027" and inserting "2026".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

(b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON EXCESS BUSINESS LOSSES OF NONCORPORATE TAXPAYERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 461(l)(1) is amended by striking "January 1, 2027" each place it appears and inserting "January 1, 2029".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, the end is near—I hope. For those of us on this side of the aisle who have worked long and hard, this is the last substantive action we have to take before final passage of a historic piece of legislation.

Recognizing—and I want to thank the Senators on both sides of the aisle for the productive discussions in the last vote on a difficult issue that my amendment would address.

My amendment would simply strike the offset in the previous amendment known as the State and local tax deduction and replace it with a 2-year extension of a so-called loss limitation policy that has bipartisan support over many years.

This was first employed under President Trump, then employed by the Democrats. Everyone on this side of the aisle has voted for this pay-for, \$52 billion, which more than offsets the \$35 billion that were taken from the previous amendment.

This amendment will allow us to move forward on this historic legislation, on drug prices, climate change,

reform the tax code, and bring down inflation and make sure we have got a true comprehensive energy policy.

I urge my colleagues to support the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I would urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment. The amendment we just voted on and passed has an offset in there, and it is a provision that works very, very well and covers getting rid of this tax on private equity on small businesses and larger businesses in this country.

And what the Senator from Virginia is proposing is an offset loss limitation. And he is right, we have voted for it. We voted for it because we put it in the tax bill in 2017 as an offset, and what it offset and paid for was the 199A deduction that benefits all our passthrough businesses, small businesses, across this country, which expires in 2026.

That very offset is how we are going to pay for extending the 199A deduction for passthrough businesses in this country. So if you want to rob it and use it here, it is not going to be available when it comes time to help out those small businesses, all of whom you represent, passthrough businesses across this country. The offset, the pay-for in my amendment is the right way to do this.

I urge you to oppose the amendment.

Mr. WARNER. Do I have any time remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 5488

The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Smith
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Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

NAYS—50

Barrasso	Cassidy	Daines
Blackburn	Collins	Ernst
Blunt	Cornyn	Fischer
Boozman	Cotton	Graham
Braun	Cramer	Grassley
Burr	Crapo	Hagerty
Capito	Cruz	Hawley

Hoeben	Moran
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Inhofe	Paul
Johnson	Portman
Kennedy	Risch
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Lee	Rounds
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Marshall	Sasse
McConnell	Scott (FL)

Scott (SC)
Shelby
Sullivan
Thune
Tillis
Toomey
Tuberville
Wicker
Young

The VICE PRESIDENT. On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 50.

The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President votes in the affirmative, and the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 5488) was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I know of no further amendments to the substitute.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there are no further amendments, the question is on agreeing to the substitute, as amended.

The amendment (No. 5194), as amended, was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the third time.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, it has been a long, tough, and winding road, but at last—at last—we have arrived.

I know it has been a long day and a long night, but we have gotten it done. Today, after more than a year of hard work, the Senate is making history.

I am confident the Inflation Reduction Act will endure as one of the defining legislative feats of the 21st century.

Our bill reduces inflation, lowers costs, creates millions of good-paying jobs, and is the boldest climate package in U.S. history.

This bill will kick start the era of affordable clean energy in America. It is a game changer. It is a turning point, and it has been a long time in coming.

To Americans who have lost faith that Congress can do big things, this bill is for you. To seniors who face the indignity of rationing medications or skipping them altogether, this bill is for you. And to the tens of millions of young Americans who have spent years marching, rallying, demanding that Congress act on climate change, this bill is for you.

The time has come to pass this historic bill.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll. The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 50, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 325 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
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NAYS—50

Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blackburn	Grassley	Risch
Blunt	Hagerty	Romney
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
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Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young
Fischer	Paul	

The VICE PRESIDENT. On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 50. The Senate being equally divided, the Vice President votes in the affirmative, and the bill, as amended, is passed.

The bill (H.R. 5376), as amended, was passed.

(Cheers and applause.)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have got to compose myself a little here. Every Senator knows an undeniable truth: We can never do what we do without our amazing, incredible staff. They work behind the scenes; they never fall under the spotlight. But they do incredible work, nonetheless.

Now that we finished passing the Inflation Reduction Act, I want to applaud all of the staffers—we already applauded them, but that is good—who made this possible. The hundreds of staffers who served in Senate offices across the various committees. I want to thank every single one of them for their remarkable work in passing the Inflation Reduction Act.

I will submit their names into the RECORD to honor their achievements and preserve forever the role they played in bringing this bill to life. And I ask unanimous consent to have the names of all of the committee staff who contributed printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, to the floor staff, particularly the Parliamentarian, who worked so hard under not easy conditions. And especially because we had to do so much in such a short period of time, we thank you so.

The clerks, the doorkeepers, the reporters—thank you.

Thank you to the pages who worked over time to help us in this historic endeavor. You will tell your grandchildren you were here. You were here.

Thank you to the cafeteria workers, custodial staff, and Capitol Police. The Senate can't function without all of you. And I thank the Office of Legislative Counsel, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Congressional Budget Office. And, of course, I cannot forget my own staff—the best staff ever on Capitol Hill—and my Members know it. The Members know how good my staff is. I am so dedicated to them, the best in the business. Of course, every Senator thinks their staff is the best on Capitol Hill; but in my case, it happens to be true.

To Mike Lynch, who has been with me all these years and is so strong and steadfast and steady; to his deputy chief and my deputy chief Erin Sager Vaughn, another person who has been here a very long time and is just amazing. We praise her for her EQ, among other talents. She told me that.

To Martin Brennan, another like Mike Lynch—Mike Lynch and Martin Brennan have been with me just about since I started to be a Senator, and they are just such rocks in our office—incredible. Probably the team of husband and wife who have done more to save the Earth this year than just about anybody else is Gerry Petrella and Meghan Taira. They met and got married on my staff. They have a beautiful little boy, George. And when you have two people so important as policy director and legislative director and a little child at home, it is tough. But they managed to be great parents at the same time as being great and amazing staffers. And they are brilliant. They are just brilliant.

My executive team is world class: Emily Sweda, Kellie Karney, Abby Kaluza, and Raisa Shah—who just left a few weeks ago; an amazing press team, Justin Goodman, Alex Nguyen—nicknamed “Win,” of course—Monica Lee, Alice Nam, Ken Meyer, Cyre Velez, Jasmine Harris, Jonathan Uriarte, Natalia Cardenas, and everyone on the digital team, the Senate Media Center who worked day and night, to record, edit, finalize photos, graphics and videos of every sort. They are a blessing.

And I want to recognize my press staff up in New York. They are just incredible. Amazing. I am just so blessed:

Angelo Roefaro, Ally Biasotti, Paige Tepke; my speechwriter, Tony Rivera; my rapid response director, Dan Yoken; the amazing team of researchers: Hanna Talley, Thaha Sherwani, Mikael Tessema. And to our talented press assistants, thank you so much: Gabriel Avalos, Gracie Kanigher, Riya Vashi, and Sidney Johnson.

Two people who do an amazing job reaching out to the community: Cietta Kiandoli and Julietta Lopez—incredible. They talk to all the groups and make them feel part of what we are doing and they know what we are doing. It is so wonderful, the job they do. And a brilliant legislative team—brilliant. “Brilliant” is an overused word, but it is not overused in the case of my staff. The ideas they come up with, the way they manage to get everything done. It is amazing.

So there is Adrian Deveny and Tim Ryder, Matt Fuentes, Dili—it is a hard, long last name. I always call him Dili. I'm glad it is just Dili. It is Sundaramoorthy. How did I—Where is he? Oh, he is not here to correct me. Good.

Anna Taylor. Anna Taylor is so damn dedicated. She had a baby 2 days ago, and she is still on the phone talking. And I said: Anna, stop.

No, no, no. She was so dedicated and put so much time into this that she kept working. And her little beautiful child, Posey. We heard her crying happily in the background as we were moving through all of this. Jon Cardinal—an amazing guy who worked so hard on this and on CHIP fab—Reggie Babin on counsel, Rob Hickman, Annie Daly, Ramon Carranza, Catalina Tam, Sam Rodarte, Jillian McGrath, Justine Revelle, Ryan Eagan, Didier Barjon, Grace Magaletta, Bre Sonnier-Thompson, Vandan Patel, Leela Najafi, Leeann Sinpatanaskul, Jeff Dickson, Mike Kuiken, Lane Bodian, Reza Zomorrodian, Yazeed Abdelhaq, Beth Vrabell, Kai Vogel, Josh Gutmaker, and Gunnar Haberl.

And the floor staff—you know, there are certain people you say: We couldn't have done it without you, and a bunch of the names I have mentioned fall in the “couldn't have done it without you” category. But we all know that just the wisdom and the knowledge and the history that is in his bones and brain just make him indispensable, and that is Gary Myrick.

Is he here? He is very modest. So I am going to make him mad. We should all applaud him. He hates it.

(Cheers and applause.)

And, of course, Tricia Engle, his great deputy, and the wonderful team on the floor and in the cloakroom: Stephanie Paone, Rachel Jackson, Nate Oursler, Daniel Tinsley, Brad Watt, Jacky Usyk, Maalik Simmons, and Miriam Wheatley.

And, of course, my tech and IT team, what a great bunch. And for someone who is not very tech-oriented, his team is indispensable, too: Scott Rodman, Hemen Mehta, Jon Housley, and Amy Mannering.

And more staffers who work here every day in Washington—and we didn't name a lot of my staff in New York. I will just throw in the name of Steve Mann, who has been our deputy director since I started in the Senate and does a wonderful job. They all do, but I just wanted to mention him. And we commiserate with Mike Lynch over the Yankees, who are losing a lot of games these days.

Today, as I conclude, I ask unanimous consent to have the names of my entire staff printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LEADER SCHUMER SENATE STAFF, AUGUST 2022

Abdelhaq, Yazeed, Legislative Correspondent; Ahiable, Immanuel, Graphic Designer; Aguilar, Joseph, Digital Communications Assistant; Allbrooks, Joshua, Community Outreach Assistant; Armwood, Garrett, Deputy State Director; Ashraf, Azmain, Digital Organizing Assistant; Avalos, Gabriel, Press Assistant; Babin, Reggie, Chief Counsel; Banez, Robert, Photographer; Barjon, Didier, Legislative Assistant; Barton, Steve, Director of Intergovernmental Relations; Battle, Sharon, Mailroom Assistant; Benavides, Jackie, Deputy Immigration Director/Community; Outreach; Biasotti, Allison, Senior Press Secretary; Bodian, Lane, Legislative Assistant; Bowman, Quinn, Director of the SDMC; Brennan, Martin, State Director; Brutus, Gerline, Staff Assistant; Cardinal, Jon, Director of Economic Development; Cardenas, Natalia, Deputy Director of Hispanic Media.

Carranza, Ramon, Legislative Assistant; Chang Prepis, Joyce, Director of Constituent Services; Clark, Bella, Staff Assistant; Cole, Emily, Staff Assistant; Cook, Andrew, Staff Assistant; Cooke, Dave, Videographer; Corbett, Hiram, Deputy Rapid Response Video Editor; Coutavas, Sophie, Deputy NY Scheduler; Daly, Annie, Legislative Aide; Dayal, Tushar, Engineer; Deveny, Adrian, Director of Energy and Environmental Policy; Dickson, Jeff, LC Supervisor/Grants Coordinator; Dixon, Kara, Deputy Director of Video Production; Dirienzo, Lindsay, Art Director; Donovan, Patrick, Community Outreach Coordinator; Doumit, Yara, Staff Assistant/Flag Coordinator; Eagan, Ryan, Legislative Aide; Eikner, Brooks, Video Producer; Emanuel, Marissa, Director of Youth Programs; Engle, Tricia, Assistant Democratic Secretary.

Flood, Sam, Research Aide; Fuentes, Matt, Legislative Assistant; Geertsma, Joel, Platform Director; Glander, Megan, Hudson Valley Regional Director; Goodman, Justin, Communications Director; Gutmaker, Joshua, Policy Aide; Haberl, Gunnar, Policy Aide; Harris, Jasmine, Director of African American Media; Hickman, Rob, Transportation Counsel; Housley, Jon, Systems Administrator; Hsi, Alex, Capitol Staff Assistant; Huus, Amber, Administrative Assistant; Iannelli, Mike, Long Island Regional Director; Jackson, Rachel, Cloakroom Assistant; Jamaica, Jessica, Digital Organizing Assistant; Jean, Mike, Special Assistant; Johnson, Sidney, Press Assistant; Kaluza, Abby, Executive Assistant; Kanigher, Gracie, Press Assistant; Karney, Kellie, Deputy Director of Scheduling.

Kiandoli, Cietta, Director of Engagement; Kuiken, Mike, National Security Advisor; Lee, Monica, Director of Strategic Communications; Lopez, Julietta, Dir. of Community and External Affairs; Lynch, Mike, Chief of Staff; Magaletta, Grace, Legislative Correspondent; Mann, Steve, Deputy State

Director; Mannering, Amy, Director of Operations; Marcojohn, Anneliese, Staff Assistant; Martin, Ryan, Upstate Press Assistant; Maslin, Evan, Staff Assistant; McGrath, Jillian, Legislative Aide; Mehta, Hemen, IT Principal Architect; Meyer, Ken, Director of Digital Media; Moore, Catey, Mailroom Coordinator; Morgan, Rachel, Mailroom Assistant; Murphy Vlasto, Megan, NY Scheduling Director; Myrick Gary, Democratic Secretary; Najafi, Leela, Nominations Aide.

Nam, Alice, Deputy National Press Secretary; Nehme, Joe, Regional Director; Nguyen, Alex, National Press Secretary; Nicholson, Jordan, Regional Director; Oursler, Nate, Cloakroom Assistant; Paone, Stephanie, Senior Cloakroom Assistant; Patel, Vandan, Legislative Correspondent; Petrella, Gerry, Policy Director; Reese, William, Dep Dir of the Senate Diversity Initiative; Revelle, Justine, Associate Counsel; Rivera, Tony, Director of Speechwriting; Rodarte, Sam, Legislative Assistant; Rodman, Scott, Director of Information Technology; Rodriguez, Crisitian, Capitol Staff Assistant; Roefaro, Angelo, New York Press Secretary; Ryder, Tim, Legislative Assistant for Disaster Policy; Seijas, Nelson, Mailroom Assistant; Sharbaugh, Tyson, Rapid Response Video Editor; Shaw, Savannah, Staff Assistant; Sherwani, Thaha, Research Assistant.

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Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I want them to know how much I appreciate their work, how great a difference they have made. This bill is going to change America for decades, and you did it. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you should never forget how much you have helped make the world and the globe a better place—never forget it.

So, to every single staffer on my team, to staffers in other offices, committees here on the floor: Thank you, thank you, thank you, very, very much.

I yield the floor because Mr. PADILLA has some important words about a New Yorker.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The junior Senator from California.

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT "VIN" SCULLY

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, as Mr. SCHUMER said, I rise today to honor the life and mourn the passing of Vin-

cent "Vin" Scully, who will be remembered as the greatest broadcaster in sports history, and a true ambassador for Los Angeles, the Dodgers, and the game of baseball.

Born in 1927 in the Bronx, he grew up near the Polo Grounds and actually became a big fan of the New York Giants baseball team as a child—and I never held that against him.

He served our Nation as a member of the U.S. Navy for 2 years before attending Fordham University. And at Fordham—listen to this—at Fordham, he managed to play on the baseball team, work on the school paper, and broadcast many of the university's football, baseball, and basketball teams.

His career as a broadcaster took off soon after he graduated from college. By 1950, he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers broadcast team. And in 1954, he became the team's principal announcer—a position he would hold until his retirement in 2016. He was the longest tenured announcer for any team in any professional sport.

In 1953, at only age 25, Vin became the youngest person to ever broadcast a World Series—a record that remains to this day.

When the Dodgers moved from New York to Los Angeles in 1958, Vin moved with the team, and he quickly became the voice of baseball in Southern California.

Vin was the voice of the Dodgers for 67 years, but his unparalleled storytelling and love of sports allowed him to transcend baseball. Many fans will recall Vin's unique calls on some of the most memorable football games and golf tournaments of the 20th century.

He was also a presence in pop culture, appearing in dozens of movies, TV shows, and documentaries. Vin lent his talents to everything ranging from the sketch comedy series "Laugh-In" to the iconic science fiction show "The X-Files," to the classic baseball movie—and one of my favorites—"For the Love of the Game"; and he relished serving as grand marshal of the 125th Rose Parade ahead of the 2014 Rose Bowl.

In 2016, President Obama awarded Vin Scully the Presidential Medal of Freedom, recognizing Vin as one of the signature sounds of America's pastime. Ever humble, when Vin was informed that he would be receiving the honor, he asked: "Are you sure?"

From Opening Day to the World Series, and every inning in between, Vin made every game memorable with his love of baseball, and for generations of fans—generations—hearing Vin Scully's soothing voice meant it was time for Dodgers baseball.

Now, I grew up in the San Fernando Valley. As a child, growing up in the 1980s, I spent many evenings dreaming of growing up to play professional baseball while listening to Vin's voice narrate the action.

While he became a legend for his talents behind the microphone, he will actually be remembered best for his decency beyond the broadcast booth. I remember a few years ago, when I was

serving as California's secretary of state, I had an opportunity to introduce Angela and two of our sons to Vin at a voter registration event before the game at Dodgers Stadium. He was just so incredibly gracious with my family; it is a memory that we will cherish.

But I also know that we weren't unique in that interaction with Vin. He always made time for fans—regardless of age, regardless of occupation—wherever and whenever he met them. You see, he wasn't just a sports broadcaster; he was a figure larger than life, and he made all of us feel like family.

Angela and I certainly join the Los Angeles community, the Dodgers organization, and baseball fans around the world in mourning the passing of Vin Scully. Our hearts go out to the entire Scully family.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 985.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 985, John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Ben Ray Lujan, Jack Reed, Jacky Rosen, Tina Smith, Angus S. King, Jr., Patrick J. Leahy, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Christopher A. Coons, Alex Padilla, Chris Van Hollen, Margaret Wood Hassan, Elizabeth Warren, Jeff Merkley, Catherine Cortez Masto, Tim Kaine, Cory A. Booker.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 736.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 736, Andre B. Mathis, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Charles E. Schumer, Mazie Hirono, Martin Heinrich, Tim Kaine, Jack Reed, Jacky Rosen, Ben Ray Lujan, Christopher A. Coons, Alex Padilla, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Debbie Stabenow, Christopher Murphy, Patrick J. Leahy, John W. Hickenlooper, Tammy Baldwin, Angus S. King.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, August 7, be waived.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Carrin F. Patman, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Carrin F. Pat-

man, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Patman nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COLOMBIA

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, on August 7, Colombia's newly elected President Gustavo Petro and Vice President Francia Marquez will begin their 4-year term. Their election represents a sharp break from the past.

The new government is inheriting every imaginable problem. Regrettably, the country has made minimal progress since the signing of the 2016 Peace Accord that ended five decades of armed conflict with the FARC, and in some parts of the country, narcotics-related violence is worse. The previous government failed to make a dent in the number of assassinations of social leaders or to hold members of the armed forces and police accountable for past atrocities. Compounded by the public health and economic shocks caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and a flood of Venezuelan refugees, Colombia remains a highly polarized society, divided between urban elites and the impoverished countryside. It will take many years to reverse decades of deeply rooted neglect, discrimination, poverty, and lawlessness.

Since 2020, the United States has invested more than \$11 billion in a